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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a new policy to determine poverty line and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of people presently living below poverty line, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether any committee has been constituted for determining a new criteria for poverty line; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said committee is likely to submit its report?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Rural Development launched a combined Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) in 2011 to generate a large number of socio and economic indicators for ranking of households across the country for both rural & urban areas. SECC 2011 provides data on households regarding various aspects of their socio-economic status − housing, land-holding/landlessness, educational status, status of women, the differently able, occupation, possession of assets, SC/ST households, incomes, etc. Ministry of Rural Development is using SECC 2011 data for selecting beneficiaries for its programmes. Eligibility is decided through a three-step process involving 13(thirteen) Automatic Exclusion parameters for identifying not-poor households, 5 (five) Automatic Inclusion parameters for identifying poorest of the poor households and 7 (seven) Deprivation Criteria for identifying poor households. Beneficiary list in terms of SECC data is placed before Gram Sabha for inviting claims and objections. Claims and objections received thereon are decided by authorized appellate authority in Districts.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Rural Development has not constituted Committee for determining a new criteria for poverty line.

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